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My Dear Miss Estlin,

Your long & interesting letter of the 4th of October gave me very great satisfaction. I felt a little misgiving after I had dispatched the Edinburgh cases pamphlet to Bristol, fearing that you might esteem it very ill bred in me to write so much while saying so really so little. It is so difficult to explain our position, particularly to that class to which I imagine most of the Scotch friends belong namely that of Evangelical Dissenters that I felt disposed to shrink from the attempt, & was moved to answer your letter more by a sense of what was due to her & her unwearied labours & those of her family in the cause than from any hope of giving her comfort, or of

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changing the constitution of a single post in Edinburgh. I am grateful if there be the least prospect of my letter being made useful in Bristol or any where else & trust it to your discretion with the greatest pleasure. For myself I am inclined to think that this matter will end in Great Britain as it has in America. The chief help of the slave will arise from the people usually regarded by religionists as "the world" & from people holding what are styled "liberal opinions". There will be as here a little sprinkling of the Orthodox, but it will be those who have become liberalized (is there such a word?) by connexion, literature or a greater knowledge of life & the world than falls to the lot of most people. And with this we must do the best we can, for it will not do to stop the

the two greatest people in the world are properly educated before we see the slave. It is a very unique set of people who are doing the work here I assure you & I fear it will be so in Great Britain ultimately. A little handful of Abolitionists wrenched from all classes, conditions & creeds, not together constitutes a very curious spectacle. But I will not write a philosophical essay as you may imagine I am trying to do. I had better fill up my narrow space by expressing my deep sense of the fruit & zeal of the Bristol friends. I gather from you & Mrs Thomas's letters that the Bristol boxes are so beautiful as to atone for all deficiencies that the Glasgow muses may be able to effect. Your articles have always been of the sort that are peculiarly saleable, very handsome, & yet in general not so expensive as to forbid their purchase by

that I may never be
accused of obtaining goods
under false pretences, I hasten
to say that you cannot write
too fully or too freely for my
satisfaction, & that tho' I have
many deficiencies, an absence
of lively sympathy with or
genuine appreciation of others
is not among them.

I have explained to Mrs
Esten how hopeless we have
been disappointed in our Swiss
letters. If you have been
writing I shall trust to
hear from you at once, & whenever
you may feel disposed to
write your letters will be
truly welcome

to you very affectionate
Anne Weston.